



November 29, 2007

Gerri Silva, Director
El Dorado County Department of Environmental Management
2850 Fairlane Court, Building C
Placerville, CA 95667

Re: Application for Waiver of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA")
Pursuant to Governor's Executive Order S-09-07

Dear Ms. Silva,

This is to notify you that pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order ("EO") S-09-07, the California Resources Agency has approved the waiver application of the El Dorado County Environmental Management Department ("Waiver Application") filed with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection ("CALFIRE") under the County's current Proposition 40 Grant Agreement 8CA07500. Specifically, the need for an environmental analysis under CEQA prior to commencing the removal, storage, transportation, and disposal of vegetation debris resulting from the Angora Fire is waived. (See also section 15269 of the CEQA Guidelines.)

This waiver applies only to the activities described in the Waiver Application, and only to the extent necessary to expedite the removal and cleanup of debris from the fire. This waiver does *not* apply to any federal or local ordinances, statutes, rules, or regulations that apply to the work described in the Waiver Application. This waiver also does not apply to any work described in the Waiver Application that will require authorization under the Fish and Game Code, including work that will: 1) divert or obstruct the flow of, or change the bed, channel, or bank of any river, stream, or lake; or 2) affect any special status species, including a species fully protected under the Fish and Game Code or a species listed as threatened or endangered under the California Endangered Species Act. Please contact Ann Malcolm, General Counsel for the Department of Fish and Game, at (916) 651-7651 for any questions regarding such work or for information on obtaining a waiver from Fish and Game Code requirements for such work. In addition, timber harvest operating rules adopted by CALFIRE are *not* eligible for a waiver under EO S-09-07. Please contact Giny Chandler, Chief Counsel for CALFIRE, at (916) 653-4153 for any questions regarding those rules.

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This approval will be posted on the Resources Agency's, Cal/EPA's, and El Dorado County's Angora Fire websites. If you have any questions regarding this waiver, please contact Mary U. Akens, Assistant General Counsel for the Resources Agency by telephone at (916) 653-5656, or by facsimile at (916) 653-8123. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mike Chrisman".

MIKE CHRISMAN

Secretary

California Resources Agency

cc: Ann Malcolm, General Counsel, Department of Fish and Game
Giny Chandler, Chief Counsel, CALFIRE